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BANKNOTE OF THE YEAR

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INTRODUCTION

HELLO, BANKNOTE COLLECTOR!

Let's get to know each other! My name is **Serhiy Trushyn**, I live in Germany, and I'm passionate about collecting banknotes that have been nominated for the **IBNS Banknote of the Year** award. You're holding the **fifth edition** of this catalog – a milestone edition! So, feel free to congratulate me on that.

Every year, different countries issue new banknotes, and IBNS members nominate them for an **international competition**. A special committee approves the list of nominees, and then members vote to select the **Banknote of the Year**. This tradition has been going strong for over **20 years**, and during this time, we have collected a lineup of **20 winning banknotes!**

This year, we are selecting the best **banknote of 2024**, and if you're an **IBNS member**, don't miss the chance to cast your vote!

Did you know that the **International Bank Note Society (IBNS)** was founded in the **United States in 1961** and now brings together nearly **2,000 members worldwide?**

Over the past **eight years** in IBNS, I have progressed from an **ordinary member** to a **Regional Director**, and now I serve on the **Board of Directors**, overseeing collectors from **96 countries across three continents – Eastern Europe, the Middle East, and Africa.**

In **February 2025**, I founded the **Mosaic Chapter** – a substructure of IBNS designed to **connect collectors in our region** on a single communication platform. Its goal is to make interactions **simpler, more convenient, and more engaging.**

If you'd like to meet me in person, I'd be happy to see you at **exhibitions, fairs, and collector gatherings** that I regularly attend. Follow me on Instagram to stay updated on news and events!

This catalog features **all the nominees of this year**, as well as the banknotes that have competed in the contest over the past five years. There's no need for complicated navigation – just flip through the pages, and you'll get the hang of it right away. I hope you enjoy this material, and maybe you'll also feel inspired to **build your own collection** of the world's best banknotes from the past two decades.

In **April**, we will find out which banknote will be crowned **Banknote of the Year – 2024!** After that, the catalog will be updated, and you'll be able to purchase the full edition on my website. The complete version includes information on all banknotes nominated for the contest from 2004 to 2024.

If you'd like to **add a full printed version** of the catalog to your collection for just **€27** (with **free shipping!**), you can pre-order it now using link at bottom of this page.

Enjoy browsing and happy collecting!

With best regards,

Serhiy Trushyn
IBNS Director, Region #5
(Eastern Europe, Middle East & African countries)
President of MOSAIC Chapter
IBNS Life Member #259
NumiLand Owner and CEO

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NOMINATIONS OF 2024

VOTE

FOR THE BANKNOTE OF THE YEAR 2024!

Dear IBNS members,

It's time to celebrate the finest banknote designs of 2024! Each year, the International Bank Note Society honors outstanding craftsmanship, security features, and artistic excellence in modern banknotes. Now, you have the power to decide which note deserves the prestigious title of "Banknote of the Year."

With 21 exceptional nominees from around the world, this year's competition is tougher than ever. Every banknote tells a unique story – of culture, innovation, and national identity. Whether it's intricate artwork, cutting-edge technology, or historical significance, your vote helps recognize the best of the best in numismatic design.

- **How to vote?**
  Log in to the IBNS website and cast your vote before the deadline!

- **Why vote?**
  Because your choice shapes numismatic history and highlights the evolution of banknote artistry worldwide.

Make your voice count! Vote now and be part of this exciting tradition!

All votes for the IBNS Banknote of 2024 need to be submitted by 23:59 GMT Sunday 16th March 2025.

The winner will be announced in April.

NOMINATIONS OF 2024

ARGENTINA
10 000 Peso

BERMUDA
5 Dollars

CAMBODIA
200 000 Riels

CHINA
20 Yuan

EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES 50 Dollar

ENGLAND
50 Pounds

GUATEMALA
1 Quetzal

HONDURAS
500 Lempiras

JAPAN
1 000 Yen

KAZAKHSTAN
10 000 Tenge

KYRGYZSTAN
5 000 Som

MACAU (BOC)
20 Pataca

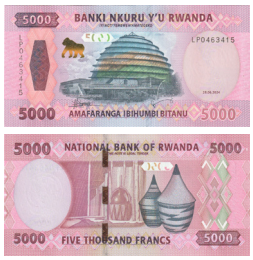
MONGOLIA
5 000 Togrog

MOROCCO
200 Dirhams

MOZAMBIQUE
50 Meticais

PHILIPPINES
500 Piso

RWANDA
5 000 Franc



SAMOA
20 Tala

SURINAME
200 Dollar

THAILAND
100 Baht

VENEZUELA
500 Bolivares

BANKNOTE OF 2023

EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES

2 DOLLARS

Description:

The International Bank Note Society (IBNS) announces that its voting membership has for the first time selected the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank to receive its annual prestigious "Bank Note of the Year Award" for 2023.

The East Caribbean States Central Bank "Oscar winning banknote" is intended to present the hope of a new, confident and exciting future with a colorful eye-pleasing design combining sports with an environmental motif. The banknote was designed and manufactured by De La Rue in close collaboration with the ECCB. The design approach was to push the integration of the polymer substrate, print and features to deliver a truly compelling banknote leveraging combinational technologies and the Safeguard substrate design flexibility.

Specifications:

Introduced	**December, 2023**
Size	**65 x 132 mm**
Material	**Polymer**

NOMINATIONS OF 2023

ARGENTINA
2000 Pesos

1 EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES
2 Dollars

5 EGYPT
20 Pounds

3 JAMAICA
1000 Dollars

JORDAN
10 Dinars

KAZAKHSTAN
10 000 Tenge

KYRGYZSTAN
500 Som

MAURITANIA
50 Ougiya

PAKISTAN
75 Rupees

2 PERU
200 Soles

SAMOA
60 Tala

6 SOLOMON ISLANDS
10 Dollars

4 SOUTH AFRICA
50 Rand

TONGA
10 Pa'anga

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
500 Dirhams

BANKNOTE OF 2022

PHILIPPINES

1000 PESO

Description:

The Philippines Central Bank “Award winning banknote” was printed by the Reserve Bank of Australia and its wholly-owned subsidiary Note Printing Australia. Polymer represents a dramatic shift from the cotton and abaca material previously used. The face of the note features two Philippines symbols, the critically endangered Philippine eagle and the holographic Sampaguita, national flower of the country.

The back design of the note is unchanged from the previous 1000 Piso issue which features Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park (UNESCO World Heritage Site), country map, and South Sea pearl. Descendants of the three World War II heroes previously on the face of the note were so opposed to the design change that the Central Bank will continue to print both varieties of the 1000 Piso banknote for the time being.

Specifications:

Introduced	**April, 2022**
Size	**160 x 66 mm**
Material	**Polymer**

NOMINATIONS OF 2022

4 ALGERIA
2000 Dinars

BAHAMAS
10 Dollars

5 BARBADOS
50 Dollars

CENTRAL AFRICAN STATES
10 000 Francs

6 EGYPT
10 Pounds

GUYANA
5000 Dollars

INDONESIA
100 000 Rupiah

JORDAN
1 Dinar

KAZAKHSTAN
20 000 Tenge

MACAU
20 Pataca

MALAWI
5000 Kwacha

2 NORTHERN IRELAND
50 Pounds Sterling

PAKISTAN
75 Rupees

PERU
20 Soles

1 PHILIPPINES
1000 Peso

3 SCOTLAND Bank of Scotland
100 Pounds Sterling

SIERRA LEONE
20 Leones

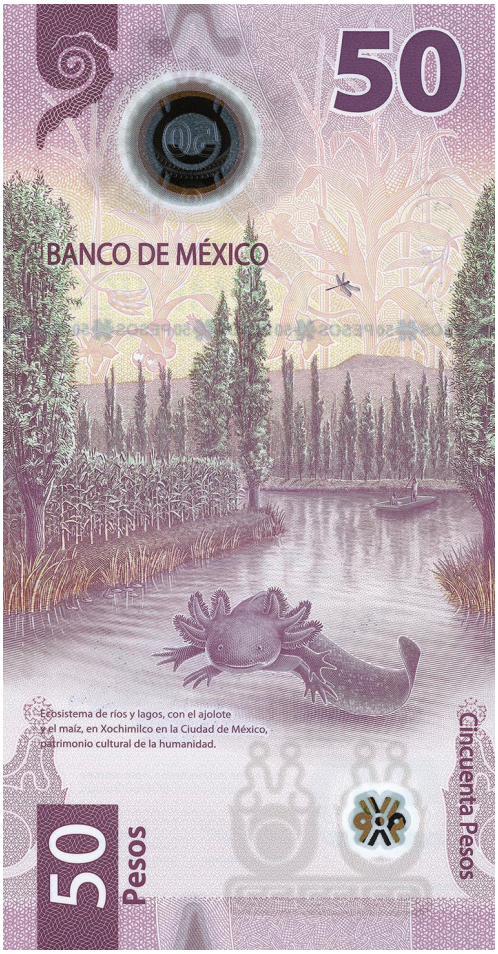
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
10 Dirham

UZBEKISTAN
200 000 Som

BANKNOTE OF 2021

MEXICO

50 PESOS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BANCO DE MÉXICO
Ecosistema de ríos y lagos, con el ajolote y el maíz, en Xochimilco en la Ciudad de México, patrimonio cultural de la humanidad.
50 Pesos
Cincuenta Pesos

Description:

The Banco de Mexico was again both the printer and issuer of this award-winning design banknote, which is part of the bank's current G Series first introduced in 2018. The vertical format note is printed on polymer and features Tenochtitlan, the capital of the Aztec empire. The reverse image features a salamander found in Mexico's ecosystem of lakes and waterways.

The design continues to highlight Mexican cultural and historic characteristics with new graphic motifs. Produced by the Banco de Mexico's new printing complex located in Jalisco, which began operation just before the coronavirus pandemic, the banknote has significantly improved security features which coordinate the transition to a polymer substrate.

Specifications:

Introduced	**October, 2021**
Size	**125 x 65 mm**
Material	**Polymer**

NOMINATIONS OF 2021

ALBANIA
10 000 Leke

AZERBAIJAN
50 Manat

BAHAMAS
100 Dollars

CAMBODIA
30 000 Riel

6 CHINA
20 Yuan

7 COOK ISLANDS
3 Dollar

3 COSTA RICA
10 000 Colones

3 ENGLAND
50 Pound

KAZAKHSTAN
20 000 Tenge

LIBYA
5 Dinar

1 MEXICO
50 Pesos

OMAN
Half Rial

PERU
100 Soles

4 ROMANIA
20 Lei

2 SAO TOME and PRINCIPE 200 Dobras

SAUDI ARABIA
200 Riyals

SCOTLAND Bank of Scotland
50 Pounds Sterling

5 SCOTLAND Royal Bank
50 Pounds Sterling

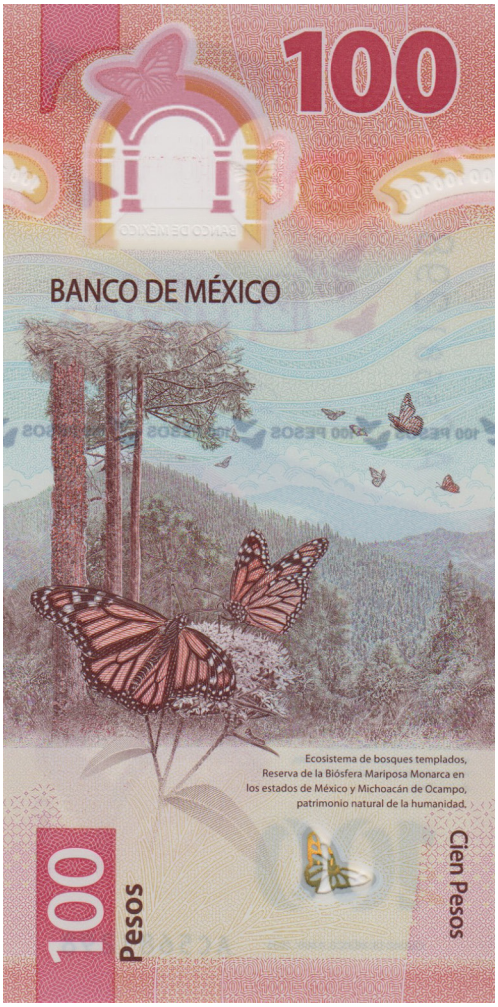
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
50 Dirham

UZBEKISTAN
5 000 Som

BANKNOTE OF 2020

MEXICO

100 PESOS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BANCO DE MÉXICO
Ecosistema de bosques templados, Reserva de la Biósfera Mariposa Monarca en los estados de México y Michoacán de Ocampo, patrimonio natural de la humanidad.
100
Pesos
Cien Pesos

Description:

The Banco de Mexico was both the printer and issuer of this award-winning design banknote, which is part of the bank's current G Series introduced in 2018. The vertical format note is printed on polymer and features one of Mexico's national heroines and poet/writer Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz. The reverse "piece de resistance" image features a temperate forest ecosystem which is known worldwide as the Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve. The design continues to highlight Mexican cultural and historic characteristics with new graphic motifs. Produced by the Banco de Mexico's new printing complex located in Jalisco, which began operation just before the coronavirus pandemic, the banknote has significantly improved security features which coordinate the transition to a polymer substrate. Polymer banknotes continue to be popular IBNS favorites.

Specifications:

Introduced	**December, 2020**
Size	**132 x 65 mm**
Material	**Polymer**

NOMINATIONS OF 2020

AUSTRALIA
100 Dollars

4 BAHAMAS
5 Dollars

BANGLADESH
200 Taka

BRAZIL
200 Reais

BULGARIA
10 Leva

COSTA RICA
5000 Colones

ENGLAND
20 Pounds

5 FIJI
50 Dollars

INDONESIA
75 000 Rupees

LEBANON
100 000 Livres

1 MEXICO
100 Pesos

NAMIBIA
30 Dollars

NEPAL
1000 Rupees

3 NORTHERN IRELAND
20 Pounds Sterling

QATAR
500 Riyals

SAUDI ARABIA
20 Riyals

SCOTLAND Bank of Scotland
20 Pounds Sterling

SCOTLAND Clydesdale Bank
20 Pounds Sterling

2 SCOTLAND Royal Bank
20 Pounds Sterling

THAILAND
1000 Baht

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
20 Dollars

TUNISIA
10 Dinars

UKRAINE
200 Hryven

ZIMBABWE
20 Dollars

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Happy collecting!

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The catalog is published under the auspices of the IBNS MOSAIC chapter, which was registered on February 8, 2025.

The chapter was established on a geographical basis, consisting of members from IBNS Region #5: Baltic States, Eastern Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

Chapter's Goals and Objectives:

- organization of meetings, networking,
- promotion of IBNS interests in the region, participation in exhibitions,
- collaboration between members, active engagement with potential IBNS members across all countries in the region,
- support for current members, strengthening friendships among collectors, assisting those in need,
- establishing a presence in media outlets in countries where IBNS is not yet represented.

If you collect banknotes and are located in Region #5, you are welcome to join the MOSAIC Chapter! To learn more, email serhiy.trushyn@theibns.org.

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